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REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1-6 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-6 remain pending in the present application. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,618,919 to Martin, Jr. ("Martin"). (See 05/11/06 Office Action, p. 2, ¶ 2).

Amended claim 1 recites, a "resonant LLC power converter comprising at least two transformers, primary windings of the at least two transformers are coupled in series, *a first transformer of the two transformers including a plurality of secondary windings* and a second transformer including a secondary winding, one of the plurality of secondary windings of the first transformer and the secondary winding of the second transformer supplying a non-zero current to a same load during a substantially same period of time, and at least one of the remaining secondary windings of the first transformer supplying a first total power to associated loads." (Emphasis added).

Martin generally relates to a power supply topology which minimizes inductance and capacitance requirements for filtering the ripple of single or multiple output switching mode power supplies. (See Martin, abstract). In contrast to Martin, the system of claim 1 includes an LLC converter comprising at least two transformers, wherein at least one of the transformers

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comprises at least two secondary windings (i.e., a secondary winding and an auxiliary windings) to supply power to other loads. (See Specification, p. 2, ll. 31-33).

It is respectfully submitted that disclosures of Martin fails to teach or suggest the use of a plurality of secondary windings of a first transformer as recited in claim 1 of the present invention. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the reasons stated above, claim 1 of the present application is not anticipated by Martin, and request that the rejection of this claim be withdrawn. As claims 2-5 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1, it is hereby submitted that these claims are also allowable.

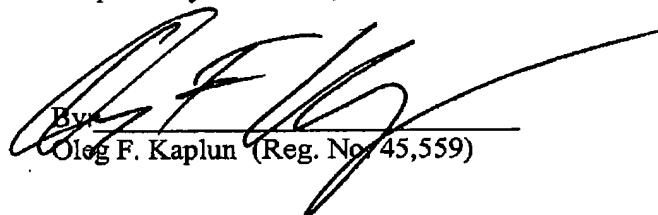
Claim 6 is currently amended to recite limitations similar to claim 1. Specifically, claim 6 recites, "...primary windings of the at least two transformers are coupled in series, *a first transformer of the two transformers including a plurality of secondary windings* and a second transformer of the two transformers including a secondary winding, one of the plurality of secondary windings of the first transformer and the secondary winding of the second transformer supplying a non-zero current to a same load during a substantially same period of time, and at least one of the remaining secondary windings of the first transformer supplying a first total power to associated loads." (Emphasis added). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 6 is allowable for at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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